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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Takafumi KASHIWAGI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 5783
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Application No.: 10/607,579	:	Group Art Unit: 2875
Patent No.: 6,871,974 B2	:	
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Filed: June 27, 2003	:	Examiner: Mark Tsidulko
Issued: March 29, 2005	:	
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For: LIGHTING UNIT LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME		

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified patent, a printing error was discovered therein requiring correction in order to conform the Official Record in the application.

The error noted is set forth on the attached copy of form PTO-1050 Rev. 2-93 in the manner required by the Commissioner's Notice.

Specifically, on the title page and at the top of Column 1, change the title from "LIGHTING UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE USING THE SAME" to -- LIGHTING UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL **DISPLAY** DEVICE USING THE SAME --. The correct version of the title is shown on the attached copy of PTOL-85 submitted on February 15, 2005.

In addition, printed claims 1, 2 and 5 contain textual errors and need corrections as follows:
In Column 8, line 36, the phrase "and plurality of corner" should read -- and a plurality of corner --;

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Column 8, line 38, the phrase "the side surface a pair of" should read -- the side surface between a pair of --; Column 8, line 59, the word "strut" should read -- structure --. In Column 10, line 9, the word "respond" should be changed to -- correspond --. The correct text can be found in the attached copy of Applicant's Amendment filed November 15, 2004 with the correct versions highlighted.

The change requested herein occurred as a result of printing the Letters Patent and the Certificate should be issued without expense under Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants request issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letter Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page, Item "(54)" and

Column 1, lines 1 and 2,

change title from "LIGHTING UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE USING THE SAME" to -- LIGHTING UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME --;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Column 8, line 36, change "and plurality of corner" to -- and a plurality of corner --;

line 38, change "the side surface a pair of" to -- the side surface between a pair of --;

line 59, change "strut" to -- structure --;

Column 10, line 9, change "respond" to -- correspond --.

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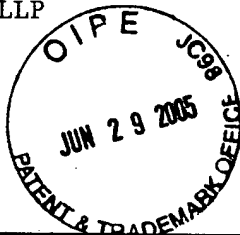
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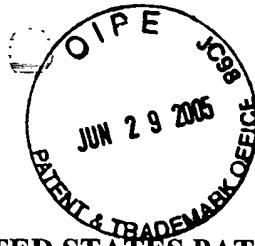
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on September 15, 2004, and extended two additional months reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit comprising:

a light guiding plate having a top surface and a bottom surface as a pair of principal surfaces, a plurality of side surfaces formed on outer peripheries of the principal surfaces, and a plurality of corner portions each of which is formed by intersecting adjacent two side surfaces of the plurality of side surfaces, the side surface between a pair of the corner portions forming a light incident face; and

a light source provided along the light incident face of the light guiding plate, the light source having both end portions forming non-light-emitting portions and a portion between the both end portions forming a light-emitting portion, respectively,

in which light emitted from the light source and incident on the light incident face of the light guiding plate emanates from the top surface of the light guiding plate, wherein

the light source is disposed such that the non-light-emitting portions correspond to the pair of the corner portions, respectively; and

at least one of the pair of corner portions of the light guiding plate has an inclined face [[in contact with]] formed so as to intersect the light incident face, the side surface adjacent to the light incident face, and [[at least one of]] the top surface, ~~and bottom surface, and inclined by an angle θ with respect to the top surface or the bottom surface, θ is larger than 90 degrees and smaller than 180 degrees~~ and to face obliquely upward.

2. (Original) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the inclined face of the light guiding plate has a light scattering structure for scattering light incident on the inclined face.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the inclined face of the light guiding plate is formed to further intersect ~~is in contact with the top surface and the~~ bottom surface of the light guiding plate.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a lighting unit; and
a liquid crystal panel disposed on a light emanating side of the lighting unit and having a pair of substrates with liquid crystal interposed therebetween,
the lighting unit including:

a light guiding plate having a top surface and a bottom surface as a pair of principal surfaces, a plurality of side surfaces formed on outer peripheries of the principal surfaces, and a plurality of corner portions each of which is formed by intersecting adjacent two side surfaces of the plurality of side surfaces, the side surface between a pair of the corner portions forming a light incident face; and

a light source provided along the light incident face of the light guiding plate, the light source having both end portions forming non-light-emitting portions and a portion between the both end portions forming a light-emitting portion, respectively;

in which light emitted from the light source and incident on the light incident face of the light guiding plate emanates from the top surface of the light guiding plate, wherein

the light source is disposed such that the non-light-emitting portions correspond to the pair of the corner portions, respectively; and

5 at least one of the pair of corner portions of the light guiding plate has an inclined face ~~[[in contact with]]~~ formed so as to intersect the light incident face, the side surface adjacent to the light incident face, ~~[[and at least one of]]~~ and the top surface, ~~and bottom surface, and inclined by an angle θ with respect to the top surface or the bottom surface, θ is larger than 90 degrees and smaller than 180 degrees~~ and to face obliquely upward.

4 7. (New) The lighting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the inclined face is bent so as to have a bend line extending in a horizontal direction, and each portion of the inclined face obtained by dividing the inclined face by the bend line is formed so as to face obliquely upward.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Ono et al. '281 ("Ono"), and claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ono. These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 6 each recites in pertinent part, "at least one of the pair of corner portions of the light guiding plate has an inclined face formed so as to intersect the light incident face, the side surface adjacent to the light incident face, and the top surface, and to face obliquely *upward*" (emphasis added). According to one aspect of the present invention as now recited in claims 1 and 6, light emitted from the light source, incident on the light guiding plate, and reflected by the inclined face of the light guiding plate can be reflected by the bottom surface of the light guiding plate, and can emanate from the top surface of the light guiding plate, thereby enabling the elimination of dark portions. In contrast, Ono discloses only corner portions which face obliquely *downward*. Ono does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, the above-emphasized feature, let alone in the particular combination of elements defined in claims 1 and 6.

As anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that each and every element of the claim be disclosed, either expressly or inherently (noting that "inherency may not be established by probabilities or possibilities", *Scaltech Inc. v. Retec/Tetra*, 178 F.3d 1378 (Fed. Cir. 1999)), in a single prior art reference, *Akzo N.V. v. U.S. Int'l Trade Commission*, 808 F.2d 1471 (Fed. Cir. 1986), based on the forgoing, it is submitted that Ono does not anticipate claims 1 and 6, nor any claim dependent thereon.

The Examiner is directed to MPEP § 2143.03 under the section entitled "All Claim Limitations Must Be Taught or Suggested", which sets forth the applicable standard:

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. (citing *In re Royka*, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974)).

In the instant case, the pending rejection does not "establish *prima facie* obviousness of [the] claimed invention" as recited in claim 2 because the proposed modification fails the "all the claim limitations" standard required under § 103.

Under Federal Circuit guidelines, a dependent claim is nonobvious if the independent claim upon which it depends is allowable because all the limitations of the independent claim are contained in the dependent claims, *Hartness International Inc. v. Simplimatic Engineering Co.*, 819 F.2d at 1100, 1108 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Accordingly, as claims 1 and 6 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims dependent thereon are also patentable. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are patentable based on their own merits by adding novel and non-obvious features to the combination.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

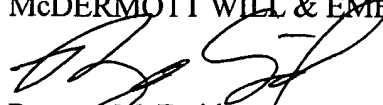
Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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